

DOWNING STREET, November 22, 1880.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Adriano Dingli, LL.D., G.C.M.G., C.B. (Crown Advocate for the Island of Malta), to be Chief Justice of Malta and President of the Court of Appeal; and Giuseppe Carbone, Esq., LL.D., to be Crown Advocate in that Island.

FOREIGN OFFICE, November 19, 1880.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the Chevalier de Kohen as Consul-General for Malta for His Majesty the Emperor of Austria; of Mr. Hinrich Bey as Consul for the Settlement of Lagos and Porto Novo, to reside at Lagos, for the German Empire; of Mr. Eugene Daloz as Consul at Malta, and of Mr. Cassas as Consul at Singapore, for the French Republic; of Mr. Charles Watkins as Consul for Cyprus, to reside at Larnaca, for His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway; of Mr. Augustin Rodriguez as Consul at Gibraltar for His Majesty the King of Spain; of Mr. James S. Williams as Consul at Aden for the United States of America; and of Mr. W. E. Heard as Vice-Consul at Newport for His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

BOARD OF TRADE, WHITEHALL GARDENS,

November 19, 1880.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the 'Albert Medal of the First Class' on—

FARABANI, Seedie Tindal, serving in Her Majesty's ship 'Wild Swan.'

The following is an account of the services in respect of which the decoration has been conferred:—

On the 8th August last, while the 'Wild Swan' was off the coast of Mozambique, a fugitive slave boy, named Farejallah, having jumped overboard from a stage alongside the ship, was immediately seized by an enormous shark, which bit off his leg at the knee, dragging him under the water. When he rose to the surface, the shark again attacked him, tearing off his remaining leg and part of the thigh. On Farejallah beginning to rise to the surface again, closely followed by the shark, FARABANI jumped from the netting into the water, and brought the unfortunate boy to the surface, nor did he leave the water till he had placed him in a position of safety.

The Captain of the 'Wild Swan' adds, that what makes this, if possible, a more gallant deed, is the fact that FARABANI saw the whole of the horrible catastrophe from the first seizure of the boy, and that, when he jumped into the water, not only the attacking shark, but three others were seen close to the ship, attracted no doubt by the blood.

VICEREGAL LODGE.

Captain Brevet-Major Alen Gardner, 14th Hussars, to be Extra Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, vice F. R. Hamilton, 9th Regiment of Foot.

WM. CAMPBELL, Aide-de-Camp in Waiting.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

November 20, 1880.

The Civil Service Commissioners, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, hereby give notice that the following Clause is substituted for Clause 4 of the General Regulations respecting Open Competitive Examinations for situations in the Civil Service, dated the 8th April 1872, and amended by subsequent notices in the London Gazette:—

4. In reckoning age for competition the following allowances will be made, viz., (1) Members of the Military and Naval Services (whether commissioned or non-commissioned) may deduct from their actual age any time during which they have served towards pension; (2) persons who have served for two full consecutive years (a) in any Civil situation to which they were admitted with the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners, (b) in the Royal Irish Constabulary, or (c) as Registered Copyists in connection with the Civil Service, may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding five years which they may have spent in such service.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

November 20, 1880.

The Civil Service Commissioners, with the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, hereby give notice that the following clause is substituted for Clause 2 (iv.) of the Regulations respecting Open Competitive Examinations for Men Clerkships in the Lower Division of the Civil Service, dated 22d May 1876, and published in the London Gazette of the 30th of the same month:—

2. (iv.) In reckoning age for competition the following allowances will be made, viz., (1) Members of the Military and Naval services (whether commissioned or non-commissioned) may deduct from their actual age any time during which they may have served towards pension; (2) persons who have served for two full consecutive years (a) in any Civil situation to which they were admitted with the Certificate of the Civil Service Commissioners, (b) in the Royal Irish Constabulary, or (c) as Registered Copyists in connection with the Civil Service, may deduct from their actual age any time not exceeding five years which they may have spent in such service.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

November 23, 1880.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice, that a Competitive Examination for Boy Clerkships of the Lower Division of the Civil Service will be held in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, on Thursday and Friday the 30th and 31st December 1880, under the Regulations dated 22d May 1876, and amended by subsequent notice in the London Gazette. The number of persons to be selected at this examination is 45.

When a vacancy occurs in any one of the cities above mentioned it will be offered to the Candidate highest on the list at the time, but he will not be required to accept it, and quit his place of residence, if he prefers to wait for the chance of